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SUBJECT: Modifications to the list of USDA-approved Nutrient Analysis Software

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TO: Authorized Representatives

FR: Child and Adult Nutrition Services

This information should be shared with the food service director and the original should be placed in the numbered memo notebook from Child and Adult Nutrition Services. The memo is also available on the Child & Adult Nutrition Services website. Contact a CANS staff members if there are questions about this memo.

This is to inform you of a recent change to the list of USDA-approved Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (NSMP) and School Meals Initiative (SMI) nutrient analysis software programs available to State Agencies (SA), School Food Authorities (SFA) and local schools to meet SMI requirements. *Meal Tracker Menu Planning (formerly Simple Menu Planning)* from Accu-Scan Division has not met the USDA requirements for use in conducting nutrient analyses for NSMP and SMI requirements for School Year (SY) S2007-2008. The USDA-approved status for *Meal Tracker Menu Planning* will expire on July 1, 2007, because the software was not updated to include the most recent Child Nutrition Database Release 10.

This memo provides notification to SFAs and local schools that are currently using *Meal Tracker Menu Planning* of the change in approval status and instruction to begin the procurement process for purchasing new software approved for use in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the National School Breakfast Program (NSBP) from the list located at the Healthy Meals Resource System website (HMRS). Current Accu-Scan customers can continue to use *Meal Tracker Menu Planning* until the end of SY 2006-2007.

Potential customers considering the purchase of *Meal Tracker Menu Planning* for use in the NSLP and NSBP for the 2007-2008 school must redirect their procurement efforts to include any of the other USDA-approved software packages listed at the HMRS website (attached).

The current list of USDA- approved software programs and an explanation of the benefits of using software is attached for your reference and can be found at:

http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=14&tax_level=1 Follow the subject link for Nutrient Standard Menu Planning.

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